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PRACTICAL POINTS IN ANÆSTHESIA. By Frederick Emil Neef, B.S., B.L., M.D. Price, 60 cents. Surgery Publishing Company, 92 William Street, New York.

A book that suggests holiday times and gifts, and good cheer. It comes in a brilliant scarlet and gold binding—printed on a beautiful creamy paper, the head-lines and paragraphs in red type. It presents the impressions of the writer, on the correct use of anæsthetics, or rather of chloroform, ether and a combination of these two—anæsthol. It is not a digest of the work of other writers, but is confined to the personal experiences of the author and to the method and use in practice in the German Hospital of New York. The accidents, sequelæ, etc., are discussed and the most convenient methods of handling are suggested. Anæsthesia is one of those things that even in the hands of the most experienced demands all the attention of the operator, and even the most experienced often finds himself "up against" some individual idiosyncrasy which will tax all his knowledge and his past experience to deal with. The present volume is not to veterans but rather to those whose field is limited to occasional cases and who are fain to draw on some one else for what the author truly designates a simple working rule.

CONSUMPTION: HOW TO PREVENT IT AND HOW TO LIVE WITH IT. Its Nature, Causes, Prevention, and the Mode of Life, Climate, Exercise, Food, and Clothing Necessary for its Cure. By N. S. Davis, A.M., M.D., Professor of Principles and Practice of Medicine, Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago; Physician to Mercy and Wesley Hospitals; Member of the American Medical Association, American Climatological Association, Illinois State Medical Society, Chicago Medical Society, Chicago Pathological Society, Chicago Neurological Society, Chicago Academy of Sciences; Fellow of the American Academy of Medicine; Author of a Hand-Book on "Diseases of the Lungs, Heart and Kidneys," and a treatise on "Diet in Disease and Health." Second Edition, thoroughly revised. 12mo. 172 pages. Bound in extra cloth. Price, $1.00 net. F. A. Davis Company, publishers, 1914–16 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The present moment is one in which any literature pertaining to tuberculosis commands attention; and while there are numbers of new books on the subject, and although many ideas have been modified or changed entirely, in regard to treatment, since this book first appeared eighteen years ago, there is much to justify the author in the expectation of finding a welcome to the revised second edition which appears at this time.

The entire book has been rewritten and revised in accordance with present standards, and one chapter, wholly new, has been incorporated, on the advantage of treatment in sanitaria, with a description of the routine of daily life in such institutions. The book is not a treatise on the treatment of tuberculosis, concerning itself entirely with the matter indicated in the title and forming a particularly excellent book of reference for the nursing and care of consumptive patients.

The greatest effort is being made to make the public generally acquainted with the grave importance of adhering to a strict hygienic rule of life in order to avoid contracting or spreading what is popularly known as the "great white plague." The present work is particularly happy in the way it presents a rule of hygiene—the reasons for it, and the almost certain result of neglecting it.

OBSTETRICS FOR NURSES. By Joseph B. DeLee, A.M., M.D., Professor of Obstetrics in the Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago. Third Revised Edition, 12mo of 512 pages, fully illustrated. Price, $2.50 net. W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia and London.

Sometimes it happens that a book is so good it can't be improved upon and this is about the case with the third edition of Dr. DeLee's "Obstetrics for Nurses," already a classic in the nurse training schools of America. It is too well known to need anything but a cordial word of welcome.

ISABEL MCISAAC is preparing a new edition of "Hygiene for Nurses," adapted for the use of high schools. An introductory chapter on bacteria will be added.